

Mr. Raymond P. Shearty
 Chairman, Interdepartmental Committee
 on Internal Security
 2107 Department of Justice
 Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Shearty:

In the report of the Attorney General, made on 22 September 1949 to the Judicial Conference of the United States, [REDACTED] directed the Conference's attention to the problem of disclosure of national security documents or information during the course of criminal trials. He also discussed the problem of cases where the information is such that it cannot be disclosed even to the court, the attorneys or the jury, and cases of this type where the Department of Justice has been compelled to refrain from prosecuting the offenders because of security implications. The Attorney General stated that the problem was important not only to the Department of Justice, but also the Departments of State and Defense and the AEC, among others. He further stated that because of this Government-wide interest the problem has been brought to the attention of the Interdepartmental Committee on Internal Security, operating under the National Security Council.

As no agency may be more vitally affected by these problems than the CIA, it would appear that we should be represented in these discussions in accordance with the provision of the ICIS charter which provides for the inclusion of non-ICIS members in the consideration of matters which affect such agencies.

If in fact the ICIS is actively considering this subject, this Agency would appreciate having a representative of CIA included in the Committee's working deliberations.

Sincerely yours,

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 Captain, USN
 Executive

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